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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: OFFSET

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF DRAFT GUIDANCE WHICH WE
LEFT WITH GERMANS ON AD REFERENDUM BASIS AND TO WHICH
WE HAVE SUGGESTED THEY REACT IN DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS.

2. QUOTE: THE UNITED STATES AND THE FEDERAL
REPUBLIC OF GERMANY HAVE BEEN IN CONTINUOUS CONSULTA-
TION ABOUT WHETHER AND UNDER WHAT CONDITIONS
ARRANGEMENTS FOR BI-LATERAL COOPERATION IN THE DEFENSE
FIELD MIGHT BE CARRIED OUT. THEY ARE GENERALLY AGREED
THAT, UNDER CURRENT CONDITIONS, A TRADITIONAL TYPE
OF OFFSET AGREEMENT MAY NO LONGER BE APPROPRIATE. AT
THE SAME TIME, HOWEVER, THEY ARE COGNIZANT THAT,
IN PURSUIT OF STRONG AND EFFECTIVE FORCE POSTURES IN
THE FRAMEWORK OF NATO, MUTUAL DEFENSE SUPPORT AND
MEASURES TO FACILITATE THE STATIONING OF U.S. FORCES
IN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC CONTINUE TO BE IMPORTANT.
BOTH GOVERNMENTS ARE STUDYING MEANS AND MEASURES TO
THIS END. UNQUOTE.

3. AS I STATED IN GENERAL REPORTING TELEGRAM, THE
GERMANS APPEAR IMPRESSED BY THE NEED FOR US TO BE
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TREATING THIS MATTER IN AGREED FASHION WITH THE PRESS,

CONGRESS AND OTHERS. IN ADDITION, WE SEE IT AS
ANOTHER VEHICLE FOR ENGAGING THE GERMANS IN CONTINUED
DISCUSSION.

4. PASS TREASURY AND DOD AT YOUR DISCRETION.
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